

## *WIA Learning Exchanges for Youth Systems*

Sponsored by the American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF), the National Youth Employment Coalition (NYEC), and the U.S. Department of Labor are planning a series of **WIA Learning Exchanges for Youth Systems** across the country.

### **Purpose of the WIA Learning Exchanges**

**WIA Learning Exchanges for Youth Systems** are two-and-a-half-day regional meetings designed to highlight promising practices at exemplary WIA sites, foster peer-to-peer information sharing, and develop team-driven action plans in three areas:

- Recruiting and retaining out-of-school youth;
- Building and sustaining partnerships, especially with the education community;
- Defining and aligning assessments, skill achievement and credentials.

### **Targeted Audience**

Since the intent of the Learning Exchange is to lay the groundwork for applying the practices you observe back in your local area, local areas should apply as a team. Local teams should be comprised of:

- The Executive Director of the Local Workforce Investment Board,
- A Youth Council member (preferably the council chair with dual membership on the local workforce board or a youth), and
- The local board staff assigned to the Youth Council or programs.  
(Other team compositions may be considered.)

### **Register Now for the Region 1 – WIA Learning Exchange**

(<http://dtiassociates.com/wiaexchange/>)

**The WIA Learning Exchange for Youth Services for DOL Region 1 local areas is scheduled to take place on December 4-6 in New Haven, Connecticut.** This peer-to-peer meeting is open to local areas in DOL Region 1 - Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont, and the Virgin Islands. **Application deadline: October 25.** For more information about the WIA Learning Exchanges for Youth Services, contact Tracy Schmidt of the American Youth Policy Forum at 202-775-9731.